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In Re the Application of:

BRENNAN et al.

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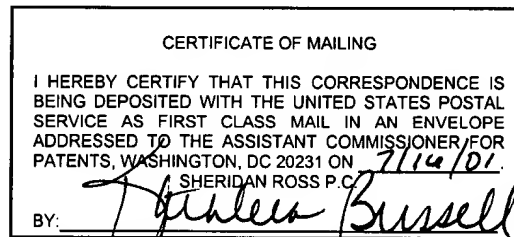
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For: "COMPOSITION AND METHOD
FOR REGULATION OF BODY
WEIGHT AND ASSOCIATED
CONDITIONS"

) Group Art Unit: 1656

) Examiner: Houtteman, S.

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to a first Office Action having a mailing date of April 16, 2001. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 22, 30, 40-52, 57, 58, 60-65, 69, 71, 72, 76-79, 83, 84, 92, 96-97, 101 and 104-107, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 13, 25-29, 31-39, 55, 56, 59, 66, 68, 70, 73-75, 80-82, 85-91, 95, 98, 100 and 102, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. For the Examiner's convenience, Claims 5, 7, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, 53, 54, 67, 93, 94, 99 and 103 are reiterated below without amendment.

1. (Once Amended) A method to decrease the body weight or reduce the rate of weight gain in an animal, comprising administering to said animal a therapeutic composition